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194,987 FRUIT TREES PLANTED -- Bashkimi, No 1600, 10 Feb 50

Tirana -- The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry reports that by 31 January 1950, 194,987 of the 395,300 fruit trees scheduled to be planted during the 1949-50 agricultural year had been planted. Of the total planted, 178,637 were planted by the private and cooperative sectors and the rest by the state cooperative sector. Most of the trees planted were obtained from state nurseries.

The best results were achieved in the Elbasan district, where 50,879 instead of the planned 30,000 fruit trees were planted; in the Sarande district, where 14,190 trees or 4,190 more than the planned number, were planted; and in the Kuke district, where 5,200, or 2,200 more than the planned number, were planted.

Besides the fruit trees, 30,129 olive trees of the 102,000 to be planted this year were planted in Albania during the same period. The necessary preparations have been made for planting the 1,370,000 grape vines that have arrived from Bulgaria and that are to be planted this spring.

MORE LIVESTOCK ON COOPERATIVE FARMS -- Zeri i Popullit, No 23, 27 Jan 50

Great emphasis was placed on livestock raising on agricultural cooperatives in 1949. New and modern barns were built; clover and alfalfa were planted; and selective breeding and veterinary services were emphasized.

In 1948, there were only 115 head of cattle on agricultural /i.e., farming, as opposed to livestock/ cooperatives, as compared with 389 in 1949; 3,785 sheep in 1948 and 6,127 in 1949; 60 sows in 1948 and 675 in 1949; 175 horses in 1948 and 233 in 1949; and 87 beehives in 1948 and 139 in 1949.

Last year, the agricultural cooperatives received from the state, on credit, 4,437 goats, 1,500 sheep, 186 cows, 25 heifers, 14 calves, and 73 bulls.

TRACTORS REPLACE PRIMITIVE PLOWS -- Zeri i Popullit, No 23, 27 Jan 50

On many Albanian agricultural cooperatives, iron plows have replaced wooden plows, and tractors have taken the place of draft animals. In 1949, agricultural cooperatives, with the help of machine-tractor stations, plowed 2,100 hectares of land with tractors.

This year, the cooperatives will sign contracts with the machine-tractor stations to plow a much greater area than last year.

Altogether, the agricultural cooperatives in Albania today have a total of 2 tractors, 15 planting machines, 26 grain mowers, 13 hay mowers, 36 horse-drawn grain threshers, 36 grain grinders, 10 corn huskers, 13 sifters, and 12 motor-driven pumps for irrigation.

TO DISTRIBUTE MODERN BEEHIVES -- Bashkimi, No 1600, 10 Feb 50

Korce -- Despite the increasing interest in bee-keeping in the Korce district, and especially in the mountains at Opar, Morave, and Vith-Kuq, it has not been possible in recent years to obtain enough modern beehives to meet all requirements.

This year, 1,140 modern hives have been obtained and will be distributed soon.

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